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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Junichiro TONAMI

Serial No. 10/634,892

Art Unit: 2627

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Examiner: Patel, Gautam

For: REPRODUCING APPARATUS
AND RELATED COMPUTER
PROGRAM

Atty Docket: 0124/0012

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 10, 2006 relating to the above-identified application.

Applicants elect for prosecution of this case the first embodiment Species "a" (Figs. 8-20). Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 13 and 18 are believed to read on the elected species.

With reference to item 3a of the Office Action, applicants cancel claims 16 and 17 per the examiner's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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